

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 19-31, 33, 35, and 37 remain in this application. Claims 29 and 37 have been amended. Claims 1-18, 32, 34, 36, and 38-40 have been canceled.

Claims 29-31, 33, and 35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Allpress et al. (Pat. No. 5,956,345). Applicant notes the Office Action cites Allpress by name but associates Pub. No. 2005/0073977 with Allpress. See Office Action at 2. Because Pub. No. 2005-0073977 is by Vanghi et al., Applicant assumes that the Office Action intended to cite Pat. No. 5,956,345 as the Allpress reference.

Claims 34-36, 38, and 39 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Allpress et al. in view of Liu.

The Examiner objected to claims 32, 37, and 40 as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but indicated that they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 29 has been amended to include all of the limitations of claim 32 and is therefore allowable, as are claims 30, 31, 33, and 35, which depend from claim 29. Claim 37 has been rewritten in independent form and is therefore allowable.

Accordingly, Applicants believe that the application, as amended is in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees due (other than issue fees), and to credit any overpayment made, in connection with the filing of this paper to Deposit Account 20-0668 of Texas Instruments Incorporated.

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